

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 49, 54 and 59. Please add new Claims 60-74. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1.-48. (Cancelled).

49. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a geographically bounded network of computers comprising the computer implemented steps of:

creating and maintaining a list of attribute bounded electronic addresses representing a plurality of indexable electronic documents, on a computer network, that are associated with a geographically bounded region, where the computer network is the Internet;

identifying a plurality of peer computers associated with the geographically bounded region, the computers to perform distributed processing tasks to enable the creation of a geographically bounded searchable index of electronic documents, the electronic documents being webpages on the Internet;

in response to receiving a geographically bounded request from one of the computers, assigning one or more geographically bounded electronic addresses from the geographically bounded list;

sending the assigned geographically bounded electronic address to the requesting computer, where the requesting computer processes the assigned geographically bounded electronic address to index one or more geographically bounded webpages electronic documents that are obtained through the assigned geographically bounded electronic address;

creating [[the]] a geographically bounded searchable index of the webpages electronic documents that are obtained through the assigned geographically bounded electronic address by spidering the webpages; and

storing the geographically bounded searchable webpage index locally on a local hard drive of a tablet device, where the geographically bounded searchable webpage index is accessible offline from the local hard drive of the tablet device of the accessing the Internet; and computer network.

enabling, from the tablet device, access to one or more of the geographically bounded webpages without connecting to the Internet.

50. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 further comprising receiving the processed result from the requesting computer.
51. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the geographically bounded region is automatically generated based upon a physical address selected from at least one of a group consisting of: a city, a zip code, a longitude, a latitude, an altitude, a telephone area code, an informal designation and an area relative to a location.
52. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the geographically bounded region is based upon a computer address.
53. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the geographically bounded region is a topical boundary.
54. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the network is the Internet and the electronic addresses are represented as Uniform Resource Locators.
55. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the step of assigning further includes overlapping the assignment of geographically bounded electronic addresses to multiple computers.

56. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein assigning one or more geographically bounded electronic addresses from the geographically bounded list further includes:
- matching at least one of the electronic addresses in the geographically bounded list to at least one attribute from the geographically bounded request; and
- in response to determining that no electronic addresses in the geographically bounded list matches any attribute from the geographically bounded request, assigning an electronic address from the geographically bounded list that does not match the geographically bounded request from the requesting computer.
57. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein processing step further comprises spidering, on the requesting computer, the assigned geographically bounded electronic address.
58. (Previously Presented) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the plurality of computers uses peer-to-peer technology to form a virtual community associated with the geographically bounded region.
59. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for creating a geographically bounded network of computers comprising:
- identifying a plurality of peer computers associated with a geographically bounded attribute to create a geographically bounded network of computers, the computers to perform distributed processing tasks to enable the creation of a geographically bounded searchable index of electronic documents;
- maintaining a list of geographically bounded electronic addresses representing a plurality of indexable electronic documents that are associated with the geographically bounded attribute, the indexable electronic documents being webpages on the Internet;
- assigning electronic addresses from the geographically bounded list to computers in the geographically bounded network of computers;

in response to receiving the assigned electronic addresses from the geographically bounded list, indexing by computers in the geographically bounded network of computers, one or more ~~electronic documents~~ webpages having geographically bounded electronic addresses;

creating a geographically bounded searchable index of the webpages ~~electronic documents~~; and

storing the geographically bounded searchable index of webpages on a tablet device, where the geographically bounded searchable index of webpages is accessible offline without accessing ~~the Internet; and the computers in the geographically bounded network of computers.~~

enabling, from the tablet device, access to one or more of the geographically bounded webpages without accessing the Internet.

60. (New) A method as in Claim 49 wherein the geographically bounded searchable index of website content creates a virtual subset of the Internet that is stored offline, to be accessed from the tablet device without accessing the Internet.
61. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 further comprising receiving the processed result from the requesting computer.
62. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 wherein the geographically bounded region is automatically generated based upon a physical address selected from at least one of a group consisting of: a city, a zip code, a longitude, a latitude, an altitude, a telephone area code, an informal designation and an area relative to a location.
63. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 wherein the geographically bounded region is based upon a computer address.
64. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 wherein the geographically bounded region is a topical boundary.

65. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 wherein the electronic addresses are represented as Uniform Resource Locators.
66. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 wherein the step of assigning further includes overlapping the assignment of geographically bounded electronic addresses to multiple computers.
67. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 wherein assigning one or more geographically bounded electronic addresses from the geographically bounded list further includes:
 - matching at least one of the electronic addresses in the geographically bounded list to at least one attribute from the geographically bounded request; and
 - in response to determining that no electronic addresses in the geographically bounded list matches any attribute from the geographically bounded request, assigning an electronic address from the geographically bounded list that does not match the geographically bounded request from the requesting computer.
68. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 wherein processing step further comprises spidering, on the requesting computer, the assigned geographically bounded electronic address.
69. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 wherein the plurality of computers uses peer-to-peer technology to form a virtual community associated with the geographically bounded region.
70. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 59 wherein the geographically bounded searchable index of website content creates a virtual subset of the Internet that is stored offline, to be accessed from the tablet device without accessing the Internet.

71. (New) A computer implemented method for creating a geographically bounded network of computers comprising:
 - creating a virtual community within a peer-to-peer computer network by identifying peer computer connections based upon a geographically bounded region;
 - spidering, from the computers in the peer-to-peer computer network, webpages on the Internet that are associated with businesses in the geographically bounded region;
 - storing the geographically bounded website content to create a geographically bounded searchable index of the website content on a tablet device, where the geographically bounded searchable index of website content; and
 - creating a virtual subset of the internet using the geographically bounded searchable internet, where the geographically bounded subset of the internet is accessible offline from the tablet device without accessing the Internet; and
 - enabling, from the tablet device, access to one or more of the geographically bounded webpages stored on the tablet device without accessing the Internet.
72. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 71 wherein the geographically bounded region is automatically generated based upon a physical address selected from at least one of a group consisting of: a city, a zip code, a longitude, a latitude, an altitude, a telephone area code, an informal designation and an area relative to a location.
73. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 71 wherein the geographically bounded region is based upon a computer address.
74. (New) A computer implemented method as in Claim 71 wherein the geographically bounded region is a topical boundary.